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: GROUP ART UNIT: 2814

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 6, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-7, directed to a semiconductor device. Further, Applicants provisionally elect embodiment 2 as shown in Figures 12-20. All Claims 1-7 are directed to and read on the elected species of Figures 12-20. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Group I drawn to Claims 1-7 and the elected species of Figures 12-20 be subject to a full examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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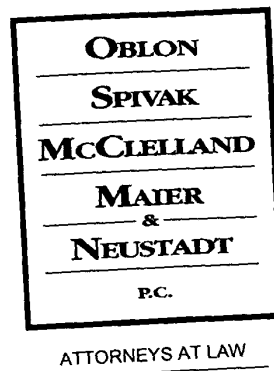
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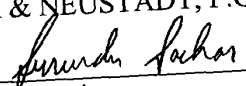
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